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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Affairs Sub-  
5 contractor Competition and Opportunity Network Act” or  
6 the “VA SUBCON Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. VETERANS AFFAIRS SUBCONTRACTOR COMPETI-**  
2 **TION AND OPPORTUNITY NETWORK DATA-**  
3 **BASE.**

4 (a) DATABASE REQUIRED.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans  
6 Affairs, acting through the Director of Small and  
7 Disadvantaged Business Utilization of the Depart-  
8 ment of Veterans Affairs (as established pursuant to  
9 section 15(k) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
10 644(k)), shall establish and maintain a database of  
11 small business concerns certified by the Small Busi-  
12 ness Administration as small business concerns  
13 owned and controlled by veterans.

14 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the database  
15 shall be to assist the Department in meeting the  
16 small business contracting goals established pursu-  
17 ant to subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section  
18 8127(a)(1) of title 38, United States Code (relating  
19 to small business concerns owned and controlled by  
20 veterans), and in implementing the review mecha-  
21 nism required by section 8127(a)(4) of such title. As  
22 such, the database shall enable users to distinguish  
23 between—

24 (A) small business concerns owned and  
25 controlled by veterans who are not veterans  
26 with service-connected disabilities; and

1 (B) small business concerns owned and  
2 controlled by veterans with service-connected  
3 disabilities.

4 (3) EXCLUSION.—Notwithstanding paragraphs  
5 (1) and (2), the Secretary, acting through the Direc-  
6 tor, shall exclude from the database—

7 (A) any small business concern that is part  
8 of a mentor-protege program or joint venture;  
9 and

10 (B) any small business concern that has  
11 not had at least two past prime contracts for  
12 which the concern received an evaluation rating  
13 of “Satisfactory” or better pursuant to the  
14 Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting  
15 System (CPARS).

16 (b) AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary, acting through  
17 the Director, shall make the database available to other-  
18 than-small businesses who are offerors on Department  
19 contracts (including subcontracts) at appropriate stages of  
20 the acquisition process for use by such businesses in for-  
21 mulating any required small business subcontracting  
22 plans.

23 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
24 of the establishment of the database, Secretary establishes  
25 the database, the Secretary shall submit to the Commit-

tees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the database. The report shall include—

(1) a description of the extent to which the database has been made available to, and used by, businesses under subsection (b);

(2) the number of small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans who, since the date of the establishment of the database, have been selected as subcontractors on Department contracts, including the number of such concerns owned and controlled by veterans who are not veterans with service-connected disabilities and the number of such concerns owned and controlled by veterans with service-connected disabilities; and

(3) the recommendations of the Secretary for increasing the utilization of the database.

(d) USE OF EXISTING RESOURCES.—This section shall be implemented using existing personnel, systems, and funds. This section does not authorize additional appropriations or the establishment of a new program, office, or organizational entity.

(e) SUNSET.—This section shall sunset on December 31, 2028.